

CH-791

1875; 1934

**Joseph H. Howard Property
Waldorf
Private**

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-791

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph H. Howard Property

other

2. Location

street and number	3780 Leonardtown Road	not for publication
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city, town	Waldorf	X	vicinity
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county Charles

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Teresa D. Boyle

street and number PO Box 1270 telephone

city, town	Waldorf	state	MD	zip code	20601
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 15/324

city, town	La Plata	liber	folio
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report
☐ Other

6. Classification

Category		Ownership		Current Function		Resource Count			
						Contributing	Noncontributing		
<input type="checkbox"/>	district	<input type="checkbox"/>	public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/>	landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	private	<input type="checkbox"/>	commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/>	structure	<input type="checkbox"/>	both	<input type="checkbox"/>	defense	<input type="checkbox"/>	religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/>	site			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	domestic	<input type="checkbox"/>	social	<input type="checkbox"/>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/>	object			<input type="checkbox"/>	education	<input type="checkbox"/>	transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	objects
				<input type="checkbox"/>	funerary	<input type="checkbox"/>	work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/>	Total
				<input type="checkbox"/>	government	<input type="checkbox"/>	unknown		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	health care	<input type="checkbox"/>	vacant/not in use		
				<input type="checkbox"/>	industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	other:		
						<u>7</u>			
						<u>7</u>			
						Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory			
						0			

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Facing south, the dwelling is a side-gable, double-pile frame building resting on a continuous poured concrete foundation. A single interior chimney pierces the original metal seam roof. The cornice is boxed. A first-floor, full-width porch with a shed roof is attached to the front elevation. Two second-story windows are located above a first floor metal replacement door. To the east of the door is a single window while to the west is a paired window. The east elevation includes a two second story windows above a one-story shed porch holding a window and 4-light and panel door. The north elevation includes a first and second story window on the main block and asymmetrical first and second-story windows in the two-story shed addition. The west elevation includes two centered windows each on the first and second floors. Windows throughout consist of 6/6 double-hung wood sash. The interior is well-preserved including its original six-room plan, doors, windows and simple molding.

Cow Barn, c. 1940

The cow barn includes a concrete block ground floor room used to house livestock below a frame second floor where hay was stored and processed. The gable roof is sheathed in metal and the frame is covered in vertical board siding. Additions are found on the south and west elevations.

Tobacco Barn, Last Quarter 19th c.

Standing northwest of the dwelling, this tobacco barn was built in two stages. The barn has an overall gable roof with a shed addition running the length of the west eave elevation. The roof is metal and vertical board siding covers the frame. The earliest portion is the south end which includes post and beam, mortise and tenon construction, measures 24' x 32'. The principal posts, including diagonal down-braces are hand-hewn. The barn has been converted to include a drive-through isle. Some time after the turn of the 20th century, the barn and shed were extended to the north. Air circulation was provided through hinged boards on the eave elevations.

Tobacco Barn, c. 1940

The later tobacco barn has a shallower roof pitch than the earlier example and lacks the attached shed. It is covered in vertical board siding and a metal roof. Vertical board siding covers the frame.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates	1875; 1934	Architect/Builder	unknown
Construction dates	1875; 1934		

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

The Joseph H. Howard Property is an example of a turn of the century tenant farm in Charles County. Following the Civil War, Charles County suffered the same fate as most of the southern states. The basis of the economy, slave labor, was gone. Land ceased to be cultivated, credit collapsed and many planters fell deep into debt. Despite this, Charles County and most of the surrounding counties retained their dependence on tobacco cultivation. While some diversification did occur, the reliance on agriculture, mainly tobacco, remained throughout the nineteenth and well into the twentieth century.

While tobacco remained the main export in Charles County throughout this period, changes in its usage altered production methods and trading. With the outset of World War I, domestic manufacturers began producing vast quantities of cigarettes for the American servicemen in Europe. In turn, the servicemen introduced this product to the Europeans, increasing the demand for Maryland tobacco. Charles County planters responded by increasing the acreage of land under cultivation. No longer was tobacco exported directly to foreign markets, but was first transported to cigarette manufacturers.

In 1930, there were 1,592 farms in Charles County. Roughly 1/3 or 499 of these farms consisted of under fifty acres. After the Civil War farm sizes in the county began to decrease as larger farms were divided into smaller tracts. Farms under fifty acres steadily increased to peak at 728 in 1920. The house is also surrounded by several typical barns and outbuildings including two tobacco barns. Together these buildings form a good representation of a small farm which accounted for one-third of all farms in the county during the early twentieth century.

The property was owned by the Howard family during the late 1920s and 30s. Trading as Joseph H. Howard and Son, the Howard's operated one of Waldorf's earliest general stores and post offices. The storehouse is still standing near the railroad tracks and currently operated as the Double Eagle Tavern.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 68.574

Acreage of historical setting 68.574

Quadrangle name La Plata

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 15, Parcel 324.

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town La Plata

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The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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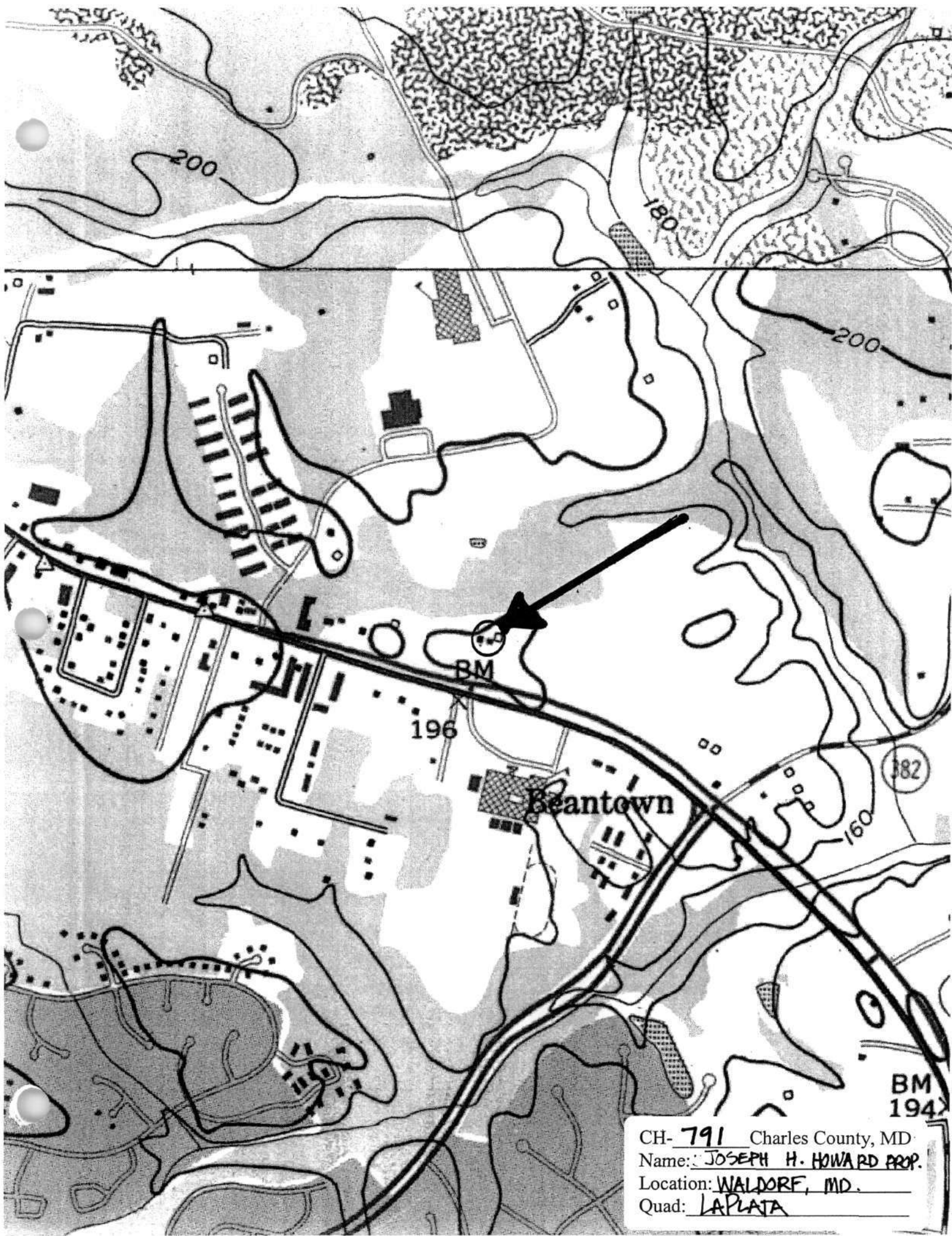
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Location: WALDORF, MD.
Quad: LAPLATA



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CHARDY

MD SHPO

LOOKING EAST

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C. HARDY

MD SHPO

LOOKING NE, BARNS

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WALDORF, MD

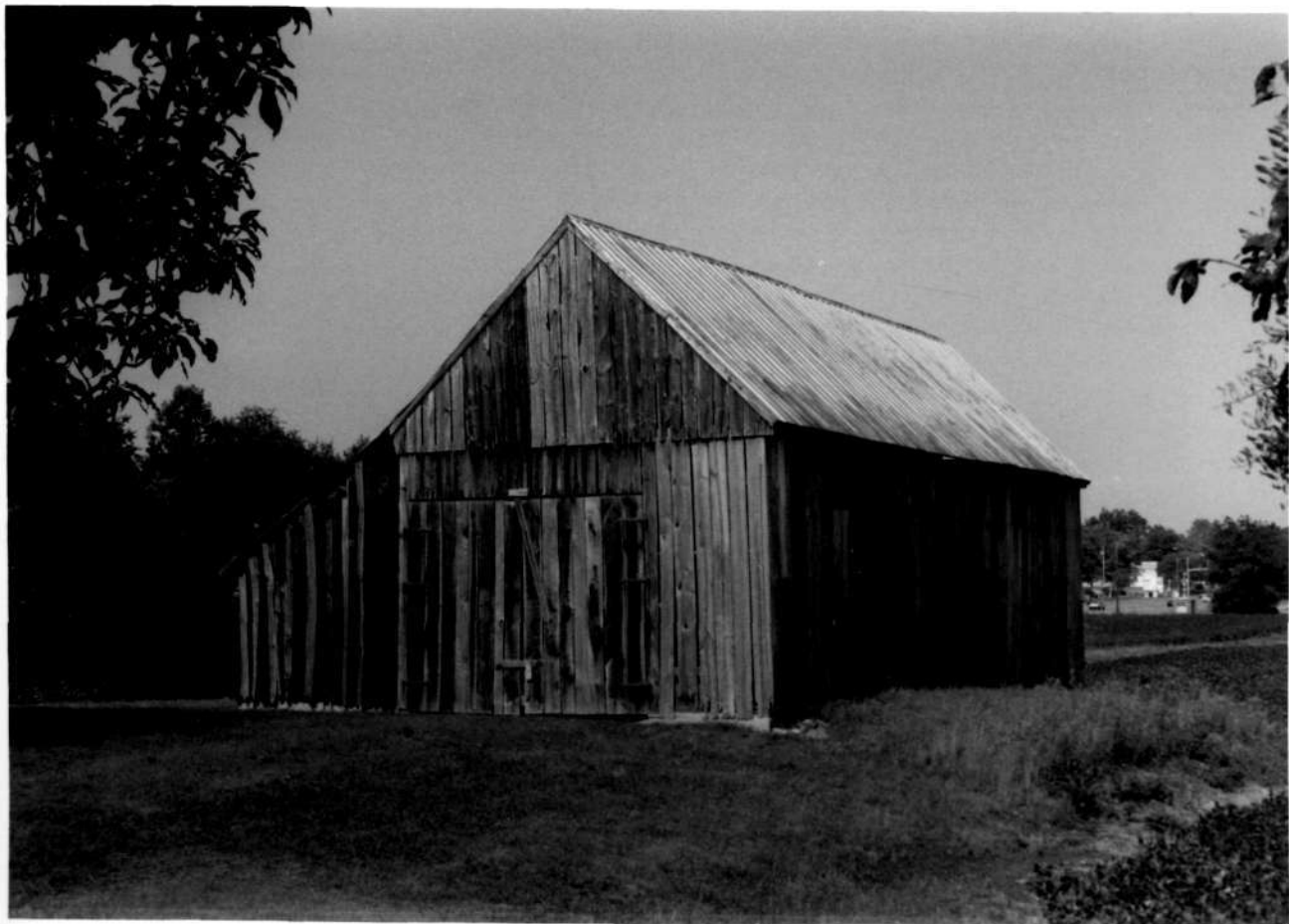
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C. HARDY

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LOOKING NW

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JOSEPH H. HOWARD PROP.

WALDORF, MD.

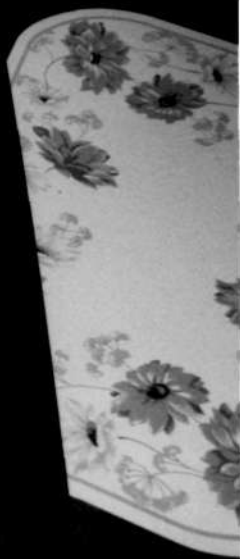
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C HARDY

MD SHPO

C-1875 BARN, LOOKING NW

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~~1970~~ COWBARN, LOOKING NW